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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY-2 on Thursday, 20 June 1957, in
New York

1. Contact was made with Subject in the lobby of the Hotel Astor at 10:30 a.m., in accordance with arrangements made over the telephone the previous day. The meeting was conducted in the mezzanine lounge of the Hotel.

2. Subject turned over to the undersigned a detailed accounting for parcels No. 6 and 7 mailed under AECUPBOARD and a preliminary accounting for parcels No. 8 and 9. Subject requested an additional amount of money for expenditures in connection with the package program and said he is in need of the money at the earliest convenience. The undersigned promised to either deliver the money to him in New York in about a week or have it ready for him in the event [] requests a meeting with him in Washington.

3. Subject inquired about [] trip to Australia. The undersigned told him that [] was back but because he was engaged in a number of conferences with other staff personnel, the undersigned had talked to him only for about 10 minutes and was not aware of all the details. She stated that [] told her he had enjoyed the trip and was satisfied with his meetings with Mr. Boluch. Subject stated he should like to meet with [] and talk to him about his visit with Mr. Boluch. The undersigned promised to convey the message to []. Subject stated he also wanted to discuss further with [] the Ukrainian AEREADY candidates.

4. Subject recently has had letters from his father in which he states that he does not care whether they send him any more parcels because he can get by without them but he pleaded for more frequent correspondence. Subject's father recently has expressed greater fear about the safety of Subject and his family. The letters to Subject's father are taking longer to reach him now and it is the opinion of Subject that the letters are being censored. Parcels now are taking much longer to reach addressees in the Ukraine and, if the individual is not found at the address specified, the parcel is turned over to the next of kin. A letter was received from Siberia in which a mother complains that the parcel sent her by a relative in the States was turned over to her child in the village in which she had lived and she had received nothing. A woman in Poland had written to her sister in the States telling about her visit to her mother in the Ukraine. She said she was questioned on the border and searched so thoroughly that she was too embarrassed to tell just how closely her body was examined after having been requested to remove all her clothing. This woman had left the Ukraine when she was about 16 and later married a Pole whom she met at her place of employment in Poland.

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The woman also stated in her letter that she was amazed to learn that conditions in the Ukraine were so very much worse than in Poland.

5. The meeting was terminated at 11:10 a.m. There was no date specified for the next meeting but Subject was promised that the money for the parcels would be delivered to him sometime before the end of the month.

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